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### **REPORT BACK – SECOND STATUS REPORT ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WORKING GROUP (ITEM NO. 4, FEBRUARY 2, 2016)**

On February 2, 2016, the Board approved a motion to establish the Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission Working Group (Working Group) to assess the current landscape of entities tasked with any aspect of evaluating, monitoring and/or correcting the work of the Probation Department (Department). In the motion, report backs were requested from the Working Group regarding its progress and plans moving forward to achieve the goals set out in the motion. The Working Group's first report back was submitted to the Board on May 16, 2016. This report represents the second status report from the Working Group.

#### **Status Update on Probation Oversight Commission Working Group**

The Working Group has been meeting every other week for the last several months, and has almost completed the information-gathering phase of its work. The Working Group has heard extensive presentations from the following individuals, groups, and stakeholders:

1. Auditor-Controller Department, Department of Justice (DOJ) Audit Compliance Unit
2. Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee
3. Civil Grand Jury

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4. Probation Field Services
5. Probation DOJ Project Office
6. Former Chair of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Oversight Commission Working Group
7. Senior Director of Los Angeles County Probation Department Education Reform
8. Probation Consultant for Research and Evaluation
9. Probation Department Ombudsman
10. Presiding Juvenile Delinquency Court Judge, and Chair of the former Juvenile Reentry Council
11. Sybil Brand Commission
12. Probation Bureau Chief for the Professional Standards Unit
13. Probation Consultant for Juvenile Outcomes Study Work Group
14. Chief Executive Office Services Integration Unit
15. Former Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court and current Director of the Office of Child Protection
16. Los Angeles County Office of Education
17. Probation Adult Services
18. Office of the Inspector General

In addition to the aforementioned speakers, the Working Group has also held one in-depth internal meeting to debrief and work on its ongoing draft recommendations to the Board, as well as an all-day meeting at (and tour of) the South Los Angeles Adult Day Reporting Center.

The Working Group will hear from the remaining groups who are scheduled to present at its upcoming meetings, scheduled through October 12, 2016:

- Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council
- Youth Justice Coalition
- Homeboy Industries
- La Clase Art Academy
- Office of the Independent Monitor
- Probation Commission
- Various Unions

Members of the public have attended meetings and made public comments. Five town hall meetings have been scheduled in each of the Supervisorial Districts during September and October as a convenience to the community.

After hearing extensive testimony and feedback, the Working Group has determined that significant overlaps and gaps exist in oversight of the Department, and that a new Probation Oversight Commission could replace and improve current efforts.

The Working Group is in the process of determining how the new Commission can best provide comprehensive oversight of the entire Department, and is developing specific recommendations. The Working Group has a draft working document, which it continues to revise, update, and develop accordingly. The Working Group has several meetings scheduled to work on and further develop and finalize the recommendations, after hearing from all speakers and community organizations and soliciting feedback from those interested in providing comments and recommendations. The Working Group anticipates completing its work, and delivering the final product to the Board of Supervisors - a recommended proposal for a new Probation Oversight Commission, as well as its final recommendation about the need for oversight to assess juvenile and adult probation operations collectively or separately - in November 2016.

On September 21, 2016, the Working Group is scheduled to present the status of the recommendations and ongoing efforts to the Justice Deputies at the Public Safety Cluster Agenda Review meeting, and will be available to provide additional information and answer any questions.

Should you have any questions, your staff may contact me or Rene Phillips, Public Safety, at (213) 974-1478.

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